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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Honorable Sir:

Pursuant to Section 1.97 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations, record is hereby made of published prior art which the United States Patent and Trademark Office may wish to consider during examination of the above-entitled application. No representation is made or intended that a prior art search was conducted, or that no better art than that listed is available.

<u>U.S. Patent</u>	<u>Date of Issuance</u>	<u>Inventor</u>
3,992,631	November 16, 1976	Harte
4,133,639	January 9, 1979	Harte
5,319,975	June 14, 1994	Pedersen et al.
5,489,536	February 6, 1996	Ekechukwu

<u>Foreign Country/Patent No.</u>	<u>Date of Publication</u>
Germany DD 10 086	May 20, 1974
United Kingdom 2,265,711	October 6, 1993

Other Prior Art

Opitz, N. et al.; "Oxygen Sensor for the Temperature Range 300 to 500 K Based on Fluorescence Quenching of Indicator-Treated Silicone Rubber Membrane"; Sensors and Actuators; vol. 13, no. 2, 1988, pages 159-163, XP002078968.

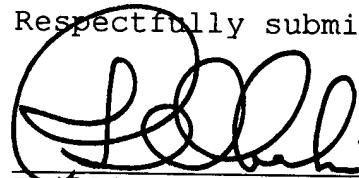
Copies of the U.S. patents are enclosed, along with IDS Form PTO/SB/08A and /08B. The above-noted documents were cited in the International Search Report issued by the European Patent Office on October 12, 1998, in the corresponding PCT application PCT/DE98/01316, priority of which is claimed. A copy of the English translation of the International Search Report is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

German patent document DD 106 086 is discussed in the subject application on page 1, lines 31-39 and page 2, lines 1-15; GB 2,265,711, as well as U.S. 3,992,631, are both discussed on amended page 2 (see the accompanying Preliminary Amendment, page 2).

Copies of the German patent document DD 106 086 and Opitz et al. article were not readily available to the person making this disclosure.

It is requested that these references be fully considered and made of record in this case.

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